

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A user operable personal alarm apparatus comprising:

a camouflaging receptacle adapted for a user to carry or wear;

a liner disposed within the camouflaging receptacle and having an interior compartment, the liner cooperating with the camouflaging receptacle so as to form a concealed cavity that is not visible from the interior of the liner; and

a circuit including:

alarm circuitry, including an alarm switch disposed upon the camouflaging receptacle and adapted for operation by the user; and

telecommunications circuitry disposed within the concealed cavity and in electrical communication with the alarm circuitry;

wherein, the alarm circuitry is adapted to provide an alarm signal to the telecommunications circuitry upon operation of the alarm switch; and

wherein, upon receipt of the alarm signal, the telecommunications circuitry is adapted to initiate a radio telephone communication to a predetermined emergency assistance service within a radio telephone system.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the circuit further comprises:

positioning circuitry in electrical communication with the telecommunications circuitry, the positioning circuitry adapted to determine

the location coordinates of the receptacle and to provide a signal to the telecommunications circuitry corresponding to such location coordinates;

wherein, upon establishing such radio telephone communication with the emergency assistance service in response to such an alarm signal, the telecommunications circuitry is adapted to provide a radio signal to the emergency assistance service corresponding to such location coordinates.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the positioning circuitry comprises a global positioning satellite (GPS) receiver.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the camouflaging receptacle comprises a purse.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the circuit further comprises voice interface circuitry adapted to accept audible input from the user, the voice interface circuitry in electrical communication and cooperating with the alarm circuitry so as to provide a voice activated alarm signal upon such audible input from the user.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the circuit further comprises a microphone disposed upon the camouflaging receptacle, the microphone in electronic communication and cooperating with the alarm circuitry and with the telecommunications circuitry so as to detect and transmit environmental sounds to the emergency assistance service in response to such an alarm signal.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the liner further cooperates with the camouflaging receptacle so as to form a liner cavity;

wherein the camouflaging receptacle further comprises a closure means providing access to the liner cavity; and

wherein the alarm switch is disposed upon camouflaging receptacle so

as to be operable by the user without accessing the liner cavity.

29. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the concealed cavity is located between the liner and the receptacle.

30. through 32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) A receptacle system for powering an electronic device, the system comprising:

a receptacle having an interior compartment, the interior compartment being configured to removably receive the electronic device;

a processor on the receptacle;

a power supply apparatus on the receptacle and configured to store electrical power, the power supply providing power to the processor; and

an interface element on the receptacle and being configured to removably connect to the electronic device when the electronic device is located in the interior compartment;

wherein the interface component is removably connectable to ;

wherein the interface is configured to supply power from the power supply to the electronic device and is configured to exchange data between the processor and the electronic device when the electronic device is positioned in the interior compartment.

34. (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the power supply apparatus includes a battery charger configured to recharge a battery of the electronic device through the interface.

35. (New) The system of claim 34 wherein the power supply apparatus includes a rechargeable battery configured to provide power to the battery charger.

36. (New) The system of claim 34 wherein the interface element includes a power charging plug that is removably connectable to the

electronic device.

37. (New) The system of claim 33 additionally comprising an alarm apparatus configured to produce an alarm upon triggering of the alarm apparatus.

38. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the alarm apparatus is configured to produce an audible alarm sound upon triggering of the alarm apparatus.

39. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the alarm apparatus is configured to produce a silent alarm that does not emit an audible alarm sound upon triggering of the alarm apparatus, the alarm apparatus being configured to transmit an alarm signal through the interface component and to the electronic device when connected to the interface component so that the alarm signal is transmitted through the electronic device to a remote location when the electronic device has communications capabilities.

40. (New) The system of claim 37 additionally comprising a microphone mounted on the receptacle for detecting sound about the receptacle, and wherein the alarm apparatus is configured to receive environmental sounds from the microphone and transmit signals representing the environmental sounds detected by the microphone through the interface component and to the electronic device when connected to the interface component so that the alarm signal is transmitted through the electronic device to a remote location when the electronic device has communications capabilities.

41. (New) The system of claim 40 additionally comprising a display screen mounted on the receptacle, the display screen being located on an exterior of the receptacle, the display screen being operably connected to the processor, the display screen being operably connected to the electronic device through the interface component when the electronic

device is connected to the interface connector in a manner such that data from the electronic device is communicated to and displayed on the display screen.

42. (New) The system of claim 33 additionally comprising an antenna mounted on the receptacle, the antenna being operably connectable to the electronic device through the interface component when the electronic device when connected to the interface component.

43. (New) The system of claim 33 additionally comprising a global positioning satellite (GPS) receiving system mounted on the receptacle and being operably connected to the processor.

45. (New) The system of claim 33 additionally comprising a telecommunication device mounted on the receptacle and being in communication with the processor.

46. (New) The system of claim 33 additionally comprising a vibrator mounted on the receptacle, the vibrator being operably connectable to the electronic device through the interface component such that the vibrator vibrates when a communication is received by the electronic device.

47. (New) The system of claim 46 wherein the receptacle includes a carrying strap, the vibrator being located on the carrying strap.

48. (New) The system of claim 35 additionally comprising a charging base configured to inductively charge the rechargeable battery of the power supply apparatus when the receptacle is positioned adjacent to the charging base.

49. (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the power supply apparatus includes a battery charger configured to recharge a battery of the

electronic device through the interface;

wherein the power supply apparatus includes a rechargeable battery configured to provide power to the battery charger;

wherein the interface element includes a power charging plug that is removably connectable to the electronic device;

an alarm apparatus configured to produce an alarm upon triggering of the alarm apparatus;

wherein the alarm apparatus is configured to produce an audible alarm sound upon triggering of the alarm apparatus;

wherein the alarm apparatus is configured to produce a silent alarm that does not emit an audible alarm sound upon triggering of the alarm apparatus, the alarm apparatus being configured to transmit an alarm signal through the interface component and to the electronic device when connected to the interface component so that the alarm signal is transmitted through the electronic device to a remote location when the electronic device has communications capabilities;

a microphone mounted on the receptacle for detecting sound about the receptacle, and wherein the alarm apparatus is configured to receive environmental sounds from the microphone and transmit signals representing the environmental sounds detected by the microphone through the interface component and to the electronic device when connected to the interface component so that the alarm signal is transmitted through the electronic device to a remote location when the electronic device has communications capabilities;

a display screen mounted on the receptacle, the display screen being located on an exterior of the receptacle, the display screen being operably connected to the processor, the display screen being operably connected to the electronic device through the interface component when the electronic device is connected to the interface connector in a manner such that data from the electronic device is communicated to and displayed on the display screen;

an antenna mounted on the receptacle, the antenna being operably connectable to the electronic device through the interface component when the electronic device when connected to the interface component;

a global positioning satellite (GPS) receiving system mounted on the receptacle and being operably connected to the processor;

a telecommunication device mounted on the receptacle and being in communication with the processor;

a vibrator mounted on the receptacle, the vibrator being operably connectable to the electronic device through the interface component such that the vibrator vibrates when a communication is received by the electronic device;

wherein the receptacle includes a carrying strap, the vibrator being located on the carrying strap; and

a charging base configured to inductively charge the rechargeable battery of the power supply apparatus when the receptacle is positioned adjacent to the charging base.